



ANN LANDERS

Stay Out of It

Dear Ann: A dear friend of mine has asked me to help her. I don't know if I am capable of the task. She wants me to speak to her 25-year-old son — a handsome, brilliant lad (last year of law), fine family, social prestige, money, a marvelous future.

This young man could have any girl in town, so he goes and selects a 24-year-old girl who is blind. Don't misunderstand, Ann, Rose is a nice enough person. She is pleasant looking and her eyes are not disfigured. To look at her one would think she is perfectly normal. I should mention, perhaps, that she graduated from a famous school of music and supports herself by teaching piano.

The young man says he is deeply in love, that Rose's blindness makes no difference to him, but I have an idea he is martyring himself. It might even be pity that he feels for her. What will happen if she gets pregnant? Will she be able to take care of a child? There are so many problems ahead he has not thought of, Ann. Please help me get through to him. — A FRIEND'S FRIEND

Dear Friend: I hope you will stay out of it and not attempt to prevent what sounds like a beautiful marriage.

Rose might be a better wife to this young man than many girls with perfect vision. She sounds like a truly remarkable person. Your friend should be delighted to have her in the family.

How inspiring that in spite of her handicap the girl is planning for a full future. Her sightless eyes see beauty and fulfillment in the days ahead. The boy's mother is the one who is blind.

Dear Ann Landers: I am so stunned I don't know what to do or think. A friend just left my home. Over a cup of coffee she outlined all the things that are wrong with me. She did it "for my own good" because she is a "true friend."

I never thought I was perfect, Ann, but I didn't realize no one liked me and that a great many people whom I considered friends are laughing at me behind my back. Nor was I aware that my quietness was interpreted as stupidity and that it has hurt my husband in his profession because people lose respect for him when they meet his "dull wife."

The woman criticized my hair (old-fashioned), my clothes (too conservative), and she even had something to say about the car I drive.

What do you make of this? — STILL DAZED

Dear Still: I don't know what's eating that woman (I hesitate to call her a friend), but it must be something big.

Self-appointed critics are usually fed up with themselves but they find it less painful to remodel their acquaintances.

This woman is destructive and I advise you to stay away from her.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

College to Offer Concerts for Youth

A series of concerts for youth will be presented by El Camino College beginning Feb. 8 featuring Henri Temianka and the California Chamber Symphony.

Featuring "A Grand Zoological and Horticultural Festival," the concerts are scheduled for Feb. 8 and March 1 and 22 at 11 a.m. in the college auditorium.

The music will center around the animals and flowers and other living things of this earth. The three programs will also feature audience-participation commentaries by Temianka. Guest performances by outstanding young artists will also be presented.

Admission to individual programs is \$1.50 or \$3 for the series of performances. Series tickets only are currently available at the El Camino bookstore.

Blood Donors Sought

Giving blood at the Red Cross bloodmobile's visit here Friday, Jan. 24, will give men and women between 18 and 60 years of age an opportunity to express their thankfulness for good health.

"And it will help insure that current blood shortages being felt throughout the nation are relieved here," said Mrs. Helmer Anderson, chairman of blood donor recruitment for the San Pedro-Palos Verdes Red Cross Branch.

Members of the Mary Star of the Sea Church (San Pedro) in cooperation with Red Cross are helping recruit donors to meet the 150 pint quota for this special bloodmobile visit.



DR. PAUL ST. AMAND Gets New Term

District Chairman Re-Elected

Dr. R. Paul St. Amand for the second consecutive year has been elected as chairman of the South Bay District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. St. Amand, a practicing physician since 1957 in the city of Inglewood, received his bachelor of science degree from Tufts University in 1948. In 1952 he received his master's degree from the same university.

Active in civic affairs, St. Amand is vice president of the Inter-service Club Council of Inglewood and lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 19 which encompasses California, Nevada, and Hawaii. He is past president of both the Inglewood Kiwanis Club and American Field Service Chapter.

A resident of Palos Verdes, he is married and has four children. As district chairman, he will supervise a Scout area comprising 11 cities, 7,000 Boy Scouts, and 2,000 adult workers.

As chairman, Dr. St. Amand will be assisted by four vice chairmen. They are: Don Eckdahl, National Cash Register Co.; Joseph Metzger, Harvey Aluminum, Inc.; Robert MacKichan, Universal Studios; and Bob McCaman, TRW Systems.



HONOR OFFICIAL . . . Supervisor Burton W. Chace (left) presents a plaque honoring Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, president of California Institute of Technology, for his service to Los Angeles County. Dr. DuBridge will serve as a special advisor for science to President-elect Richard M. Nixon.



STUDENTS HONORED . . . Four local students were among 136 Los Angeles County youths honored by the Southern California Industry-Education Council for their scholastic records and moral examples "to meet future scientific challenges." Pictured here are (from left) William Fredericks of Torrance High School; Helen Mahoney of Dominguez High School in Long Beach; Shirley Chilton, vice president of Hayden, Stone, Inc.; Robert Shupe of West High School; and Richard Lindel of North High School.

Holiday Concert Now Ready

Christmas "comes early" to the El Camino College campus in 1969 — Jan. 26 as a matter of fact — when the ECC Concert Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Hardester, will present its annual Christmas Concert with hopefully all 80 members present.

The concert was to have been given Dec. 21, but the current out break of flu made it impossible.

Among the selections to be sung include "The Magnificat" by Flor Peeters, "In Ecclesiis" by Giovanni Gabrieli and "Mary, Mary, Where Is Your Baby," a Negro spiritual by Jester Harrison.

The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the college auditorium. Admission is free.

Controller Distributes Tax Funds

SACRAMENTO — State Controller Houston I. Flournoy has announced the distribution of \$51,398,465 in highways users taxes to the cities and counties of the state.

Of the total, \$12,936,586 went to the counties; \$9,636,499 went to the cities and \$28,831,380 goes to the state for expenditures on state highways.

The total was derived from: gasoline tax, \$46,598,700; diesel fuel tax, \$2,841,040; transfer from the Motor Vehicle Transportation Tax fund, \$1,956,595; and the rest came from miscellaneous sources.

Los Angeles County's share was \$3,875,111, and Torrance's portion was \$91,559.



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Count Marco After 16 Years, It's Still Bliss

Can a woman, after 16 years of marriage, still find excitement with her husband?

She can (and so can you) when she treats him as her king and remains his loyal subject.

It's all in your attitude and what you expect, not only from marriage but from him. Even the Bible advises, "It is better to give than to receive."

Time and again I receive proof from a smart wife that by giving she gets even more than she thinks she has a right to expect. Like this one, who writes: "Would you be interested to know there is at least one woman married to a real man, and loves it? When he steps into his home, he becomes the king."

"I don't want to give you the impression I'm his slave. I take care of him in my own way, as he takes care of me in his. No man should have to do his wife's work. No woman could respect a man who did."

"As far as our personal life is concerned it's better than when we were first married 16 years ago. I can still excite him by just wearing a short nightgown. No matter how I'm dressed, I'm dressed for him and not others. He always likes to think, wherever we go, that the other men are looking at me. I wouldn't know; I'm always looking at him."

"He's the most loving wonderful and kind husband in the world. I'll tell you something. I'm going to continue doing my best to hold his interest. He's worth it. — MRS. R.A."

It's so obvious. You can't have love unless you GIVE it. But so

many stupid American females think HE has to give first before you do any giving yourself. It's really so unfair. Every time I see an unhappy marriage I think to myself, "there's one who had to get married, or else she was so desperate to get married she figured the ring was worth the trouble she was going to cause." Poor things, how my heart does bleed for you — when I find the time.

Friday, I'll advise you, through another's experience, how you too can put happiness back into your marriage, providing, of course, you WANT to and you take the first step.

It works for others and it should work for you — unless you enjoy being miserable, which so many of you do.

Jim Becker describes himself as a "professional fund-raiser!" And that's probably because he's worked on just about every fund raising project in town!

Becker is currently area business chairman for the Heart Association, which will begin its mammoth fund-raising drive in February. He also serves as vice chairman of the Red Cross Board, Torrance-Lomita chapter.

The soft-spoken dynamo of fund-raising energy was formerly Harbor Area chairman for the old Community Chest, serving several terms, and now claims membership on the Harbor Area Board of the United Way, which replaced the Chest.

And, as if that weren't enough goodwill activity to keep him busy, Becker is also a past president of the Torrance Dental Health Association, which provides dental care funds for youngsters.

Needless to say, all this work on behalf of others is strictly volunteer.

With a shy modesty that typifies his approach, Becker quips, "I've spent my life working and raising money for other people. I never raise any for myself!"

The one-time nominee for Torrance Citizen of the Year hasn't limited his community work to fund-raising, either. He was selected chairman of the first Civic Center Citizens Committee, the group which developed the original master plan for the Civic Center, also served as chairman of the Torrance Safety Council. Becker is a past president of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as vice president, area coordinator, with the Torrance Chamber, He's a Lion, too.

A native of Kansas City, Mo.,

Spring Semester Enrollment Dates Set by El Camino

Approximately 15,000 new and returning students are expected to register for the spring semester at El Camino, according to Mrs. Lucile Sage, secretary to the dean of admissions at the college.

Registration procedures will begin Monday, Feb. 3, and continue through Friday, Feb. 7. Classes for the new semester begin Monday, Feb. 10.

New students who plan to attend during the spring semester must secure an appointment by calling the college admissions office.

New full-time students are required to have necessary testing completed at least one week prior to registration. Counseling is available in the evening hours for students whose transcripts of high school and previous college credit are on file.

Registration dates for new stu-

dents are Feb. 5, 6, and 7, according to registration numbers. Students must appear in person to register. If unable to appear on the assigned date, students may register Thursday, Feb. 5, between 5:15 and 7:45 p.m. or Friday, Feb. 6, between 12:15 and 1:30 p.m. upon presentation of grade slip.

Returning full-time students will register Monday, Feb. 3, and Tuesday, Feb. 4, according to priority registration number. Registration dates for returning part-time students are Tuesday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Eye Plan To Shift Holidays

SACRAMENTO — Happy holidays, or longer ones, is the aim of SB 30, sponsored by Senator John Harmer (R-Glendale). The measure would move six state holidays now celebrated on traditional dates to Mondays.

Line-up of the new system would put three-day holidays on the second and third Mondays of February (Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays); the last Monday in May (Memorial Day); the first and second Mondays in September (Labor Day and Admission Day), and the second and fourth Mondays in October (Columbus and Veterans Day).

New Year's Day, the Fourth of July, and Christmas would fall on the usual specific dates. Thanksgiving and Good Friday would continue to be observed at the time of the year they now are observed.

HARMER said a new federal law, taking effect in 1971, will grant federal employees holidays on four of the weekends.

"It is my hope," he said, "that we can begin the three-day weekends a year earlier. Conforming legislation will be necessary by 1971 in any event."

He pointed out that the three-day system would be profitable for the state's important tourist industry.

Companion bills have been introduced in the assembly by Assemblyman John Veneman (R-Modesto).

Profile: James Becker Ex-Navyman Claims He's Professional Fund Raiser



JIM BECKER

After the war, Becker headed back to his old Lockheed stamping grounds, but found that swarms of returning GIs were glutting a number of occupational fields — his included. Even though he was employed full time, Becker found there just wasn't enough work to keep him busy!

Anxious for advancement, Becker landed a position with the Southern California Gas Co., where he's worked for the last 22 years.

He asked for a job that would put his mechanical skills to use, but some shrewd executive immediately spotted his leadership abilities and urged him to take a public contact job. Becker has never regretted signing on as a community relations manager for a local Gas Company office — a job which eventually led him to Torrance.

Locally, Becker is the company's community relations representative for Torrance, Lomita, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates.

Leisure time activities center around the family and the community, needless to say. Becker, his wife Alvera, and their son Chris, 14, are avid outdoor folk — with the emphasis on camping and fishing. Favorite spots for casting bait are Lake Cachuma, Lane Isabella, and of course, Redondo Harbor. And when time permits, the Beckers love nothing better than to practice their fishing and camping skills in the Oregon country.

"We've been doing too much fishing and letting the house go to pot!" Becker exclaims with a twinge of guilt. "We really should hire a handyman to do the chores so we can fish with a clear conscience!"

Becker can claim still another early parallel to the life of President Harry Truman: he started out in the work-a-day world in a haberdashery.

But it wasn't long before Becker's mechanical aptitude stepped into the picture. The budding airplane doctor enrolled at Missouri Aviation Institute in Kansas City and emerged 1½ years later ready and able to obtain his civil aeronautics mechanics license.

With his new-found skills, Becker headed west to join Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, but the spectre of World War II presented a more urgent need for his skills.

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Becker enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned to that embattled seaport to inspect planes for test flight.